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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

Overwhelming Vote for a Rupture.

SHANGHAI GERMANS WANT PEACE AT ANY PRICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, March 11.

By an overwhelming majority, the House of Representatives has voted in favour of a rupture with Germany. The Senate is as yet undecided; consequently the joint session will not be held.

It is believed that German influence is working with all its might, especially business circles in Shanghai, which want peaceful trade at any price.

Senate Approves a Break.

Shanghai, March 12.

The Senate has decided to support a rupture.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE MESOPOTAMIA PUSH.

Premature Report of Fall of Bagdad.

London, March 10.

The fact that General Maude's cavalry was only thirteen miles from Bagdad on March 6, meeting with little opposition, led some experts confidently to announce that Bagdad was already in the hands of the British, but more cautious critics point out that nothing has yet been disclosed as to the whereabouts of General Maude's main army, which will probably require time to develop larger movements while the season of inundations is approaching.

The rout of the Turkish Army, however, has already resulted in the collapse of Turkish operations in Persia, whence they are being pushed out by three Russian columns. The Turkish armies are so scattered in their distant adventures at the behest of the Germans that they are unlikely to succeed in concentrating reinforcements against General Maude.

LLOYD GEORGE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

Defending Barrister's Astonishing Suggestion.

London, March 10.

The Indian barrister, Mr. Bizam, defending the Wheeltons, in the Lloyd George conspiracy trial, dwelt on the failure of the prosecution to produce the Government agent known as Gordon, and then startled the Court by seriously suggesting that the prisoners should have their trial by an ordeal of walking over red-hot ploughshares to prove their innocence.

The Judge, summing up, remarked that the employment of secret agents was necessary in these times. The jury was absent for only twenty minutes.

THE HUN IN AMERICA.

A Captain Arrested.

London, March 11.

Reuter's correspondent at Los Angeles says that the American police have arrested a German Captain, named Kriksen, on a charge of complicity in a plot to blow up the Welland Canal, under von Papen's instructions.

Ship's Officers Sentenced.

London, March 10.

Reuter's correspondent at Florence, South Carolina, states that eight officers of the German steamer *Lietzowfels*, which was sunk at Charleston on January 31, have been sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a fine of \$500 for scuttling the vessel.

WOODEN SHIPS.

A New Scheme in America.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the wooden shipbuilders of the United States have been summoned to attend a conference of the Shipping Board to be held on March 14, with a view to building most speedily a large fleet of standardised ships for Trans-Atlantic trade. It is hoped thus materially to defeat the submarine blockade.

ANOTHER RELIEF SHIP TORPEDOED.

Thirty Persons Missing.

London, March 10.

According to the Cork correspondent of *Lloyd News*, the Belgian relief steamer *Storstad*, from Buenos Aires, was sunk by a submarine in broad daylight. Thirteen of those on board were landed, including an American. Two boats with thirty men in them are missing. The survivors were thirty-six hours in a stormy sea. The fourth engineer died of exposure. The submarine commander refused to tow the boats, which were shelled. It was the *Storstad* which collided with the *Empress of Ireland* on May 25, 1914.

FURTHER RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

London, March 10.

A Russian official wireless message says:—We made a gas attack south-east of Tatum and to the east of Mitau road. We repelled an attempted Turkish offensive on the Sevas road. As the result of fighting in the Hamadan region, we occupied Sakhs and pursued the enemy, after a stubborn resistance, towards Dioban.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

BRITISH POLITICS.

National Government in Danger of Defeat.

London, March 10.

The Lobby correspondent of the *Daily News* writes that the Government will be either defeated or saved by Mr. Asquith's followers on March 14, when the Lancashire members of the House of Commons will move an amendment, opposing the increased Indian import duties on cotton goods.

The Labour members and the Nationalists will oppose the Government, while some Conservatives and Liberals will abstain.

Mr. Asquith and his followers are still undecided as to what action they will take, but fifty Liberals may support Mr. Lloyd George in any case.

FRENCH POLITICS.

The Government Still Obstructed.

London, March 11.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the vote in Chamber, mentioned on March 10, when the Government's opponents abstained, has not allayed agitation, which M. Briand has declared is interfering with the labours of the Government. Therefore a grand debate on the general policy of the Cabinet is probable to enable the Chamber clearly to define its attitude.

POLITICAL UNREST IN AUSTRIA.

A Coalition Cabinet Probable.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* at Vienna states that the Emperor suddenly broke off his stay at Budapest to visit South Hungary, and then returned to Vienna.

The resignation of Count Tisza and the formation of a Coalition Cabinet is expected.

THE SUCCESSES IN THE WEST.

Bapaume Becoming Enveloped.

London, March 10.

French experts emphasise the importance of the British success at Ires, facilitating, as it does, the envelopment of Bapaume. They state that several hundred prisoners have been captured.

Successful French Ventures.

London, March 10.

A French communique states:—We several times conducted successful *coup de main* on the German trenches in the regions of Lassigny and Canny sur Meis and north of Bois du Jury in Woivre, where we captured prisoners and a machine-gun.

There is a fairly considerable reciprocal artillery duel in the sector of Maisons de Champagne.

An enemy attempt on one of our small posts in the region of Lurgi zen, Alsace, failed.

German Version of Fall of Ires.

London, March 11.

A German official message says:—After infantry fighting at Ires, our rearwards withdrew to the main post.

French attacks between the Avre and the Oise were unsuccessful. We sanguinarily repulsed renewed French attacks on Hill 185 on both sides of Champagne farm.

A New Somme Offensive?

London, March 11.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters states that the Germans are enormously exaggerating their discomforts on the Somme, in order to prove that a continuance of the Allies' Somme offensive is impossible. The truth is that No Man's Land on the Somme is a desert of mud and villages blown to smithereens, but there are plenty of roads to the front line trenches, and busy railways in the rear. We shall soon know whether the fighting will be resumed on the Somme, south of which the British line is now extended.

The French Army was never so strong. The French infantry at Verdun on December 15 performed the finest piece of infantry work seen during this war, and the Germans must oppose such men and methods with something more than improved war material, on which they seem chiefly to rely.

A NEW CANADIAN WAR LOAN.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa, a new Canadian War Loan of thirty millions sterling, at five per cent., has been issued at ninety-six. It is redeemable in 1937 in Canada and New York.

FOOD SHORTAGE.

Bread Supplies Raided in Petrograd.

London, March 10.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that, according to a semi-official message, owing to the very heavy snowstorms hindering the arrival of foodstuffs, some inhabitants in Petrograd became panic-stricken and raided the bread supplies, creating a shortage. Energetic measures were adopted to prevent the disturbances from becoming serious.

Municipal sales of bread and other exceptional steps have been taken. The railways are gradually being cleared of snow, and the arrival of foodstuffs is almost normal once again.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN.

New Light on America's Decision.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson's decision to arm merchantmen followed the opinion of Mr. Lansing and Mr. Gregory on March 9.

The Government's armed neutrality plan was withheld in order to avoid endangering American ships by permitting information to reach Germany. The only statement obtainable from the White House and the Navy Department was that the President was determined fully to protect American rights. Long before the order was given from White House the Navy Department had completed all the necessary preparations to arm merchantmen, but Mr. Daniels appealed to the Press and the public not to discuss the matter.

DEFEATING THE SUBMARINE.

What Italy is Doing.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, in the Chamber, the Minister of Marine detailed Italy's anti-submarine measures, including the arming of numerous places along the coast, the organisation of coastguards, the provision of barriers and other defensive works. The depth of the seas precluded the employment of nets. As regards the methods of chasing submarines, two hundred small craft were employed in the Otranto Channel for months, while numerous aeroplane squadrons of small airships have been employed. The demand for the arming of merchantmen was very great, already over a thousand guns having been used on sixty per cent. of the Italian ships. Several hundred wireless installations had been installed on ships, and the system of signalling and sending wireless messages by aeroplanes was most successful. The sailing and arrival of vessels showed that the measures were not in vain.

LORD FRENCH'S SISTER KILLED.

London, March 10.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Salonica, Mrs. Harley, sister of Lord French, has been killed by a shell while in charge of a motor ambulance at Monastir.

CUBAN REVOLT COLLAPSES.

London, March 11.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, a Navy Department official announcement says that the Cuban Government forces have regained the rebel stronghold at Santiago. This is regarded as the collapse of the revolution.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

TURKISH WITHDRAWAL FROM PERSIA.

London, March 10.

A Russian communique shows that the Turkish withdrawal from Persia is not limited to the routes to Bagdad but extends farther north. The strength of the forces is not great and the distances between the columns is enormous. For example Sakiz is eighty miles from Sinai, where another force is retreating, 160 miles from Hamadan. The pursuing Russians have now covered half the distance to the frontier.

HUNGARIAN STATESMAN'S IDEAS ON PEACE.

Paris, March 10.

"Le Matin" publishes a remarkable interview given by Count Andrássy, the Hungarian ex-Premier, in which the latter expressed the opinion that the war would end through general exhaustion and peace terms would be dictated by the cleverer belligerent.

Count Andrássy asserted that in this connection the Central Powers were more intelligent than the Entente.

He also declared that Germany had two aims: firstly, the uniting of Central Europe and the East; secondly, to become a dominant world power. The first would be attained by the present war, but in order to achieve the second Great Britain must be defeated.

Count Andrássy said he doubted the success of submarine warfare, and with regard to this expressed the opinion that other and slower means must be employed.

Count Andrássy declared that it would be a blank peace, without formal annexation or indemnities, but he emphasised that it was necessary that the Central Powers should control Poland and Lithuania militarily and economically as a barrier against Russia, whose power must ultimately be broken before Germany's world policy and plans for supremacy in the East could be fully realised.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

London, March 10.

Telegrams from Peking state that the withdrawal of the Premier's resignation is regarded as indicating that the President has finally agreed to the Cabinet's policy of a rupture of diplomatic negotiations with Germany and possibly an alliance with the Entente.

A GALLANT CAPTAIN.

London, March 10.

Captain H. W. Murray, D.S.O., of the Australian Infantry, and Sergeant E. J. Mott, of the Border Regiment, have been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Captain Murray showed most conspicuous bravery when he led a company which assaulted and captured a position and repulsed heavy counter-attacks throughout the night. He magnificently encouraged his men, headed bombing parties, led bayonet charges, and carried back wounded.

Sergeant Mott showed most conspicuous gallantry and ensured the success of an attack, when it was held up by machine guns. Although wounded in the eye, he struggled with and overcame a gunner, and captured a machine gun.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, March 10.

Silver is quoted at 38.1/8; more offering. The market is dull.

CERTIFIED TRADES.

More Workers Released.

A revised List of Certified Occupations superseding the list dated November 20, 1916, has been issued by the Local Government Board. The principal alteration is that announced in the previous list, by which men fit for garrison duty abroad (Category B i.) will no longer be entitled to be treated as in a certified occupation if they have not reached the age limits stated in the list.

Another list, it is intimated, will be issued in a few weeks, in which the reservations will be reduced by a further raising of the age limits, especially in the trades not mainly engaged on Government work. Employers in certified trades are, therefore, urged to take such steps as are practicable to "reorganise their staffs, by substitution or dilution, with a view to being prepared to release more men of military age and fitness for the Army.

In the list now issued the age limits for married men have been very generally raised, usually either from 25 to 27 or from 21 to 33; large advances have been made in a number of cases.

In many occupations, the age limit for single men is 41 years; single men in these occupations are in a certified occupation only if they are in lower medical categories than A or B i. Where the age limit for single men is not 41 years, generally the trade is a munition trade or some other trade of vital national importance, or the occupation is that of foreman, an occupation which has become more essential on account of the large number of substitutes who need an exceptional amount of direction and training.

Attention is drawn to the fact that, for the purposes of the list of certified occupations, the ages stated in the list are the ages of men at April 4, 1916 (except in the case of agriculture, for which the date is May 1 for England and Wales, and May 31 for Scotland). A man who had at April 4, 1916, reached the age stated in the list in a certified occupation, irrespective of his medical category; men under those age limits are entitled to be treated as in a certified occupation only if they are not passed as fit for general service or for garrison duty abroad (category A or B i.).

Outboard Motors.

Advice state that barges driven by outboard motors are becoming increasingly put into service. In spite of strong currents and tide the barges are giving a very satisfactory account of themselves.

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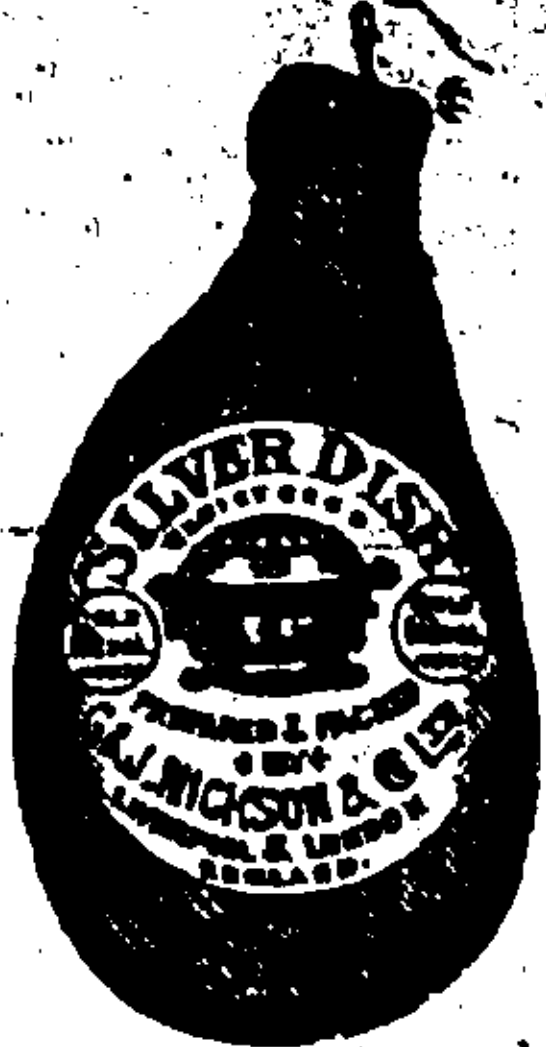
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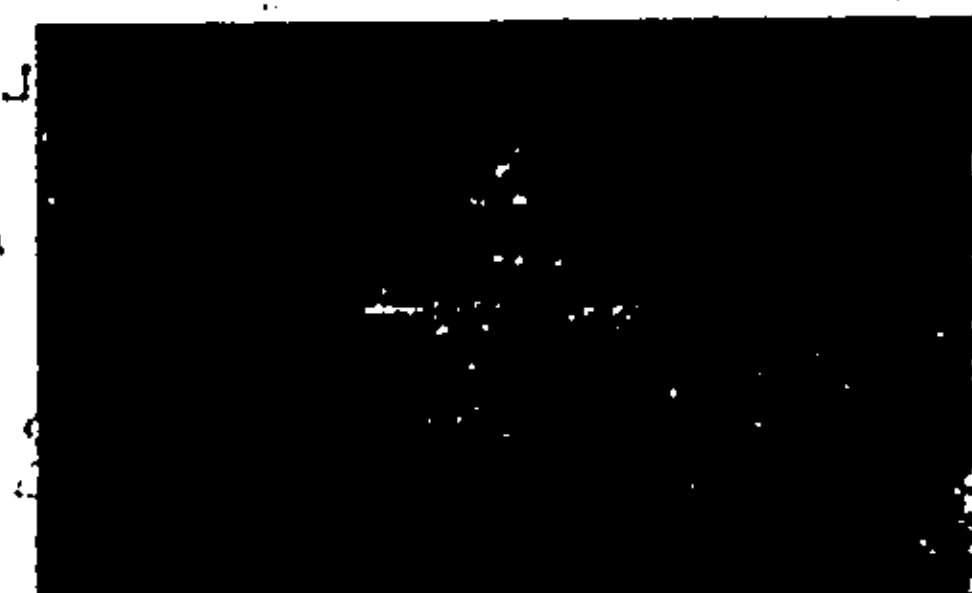
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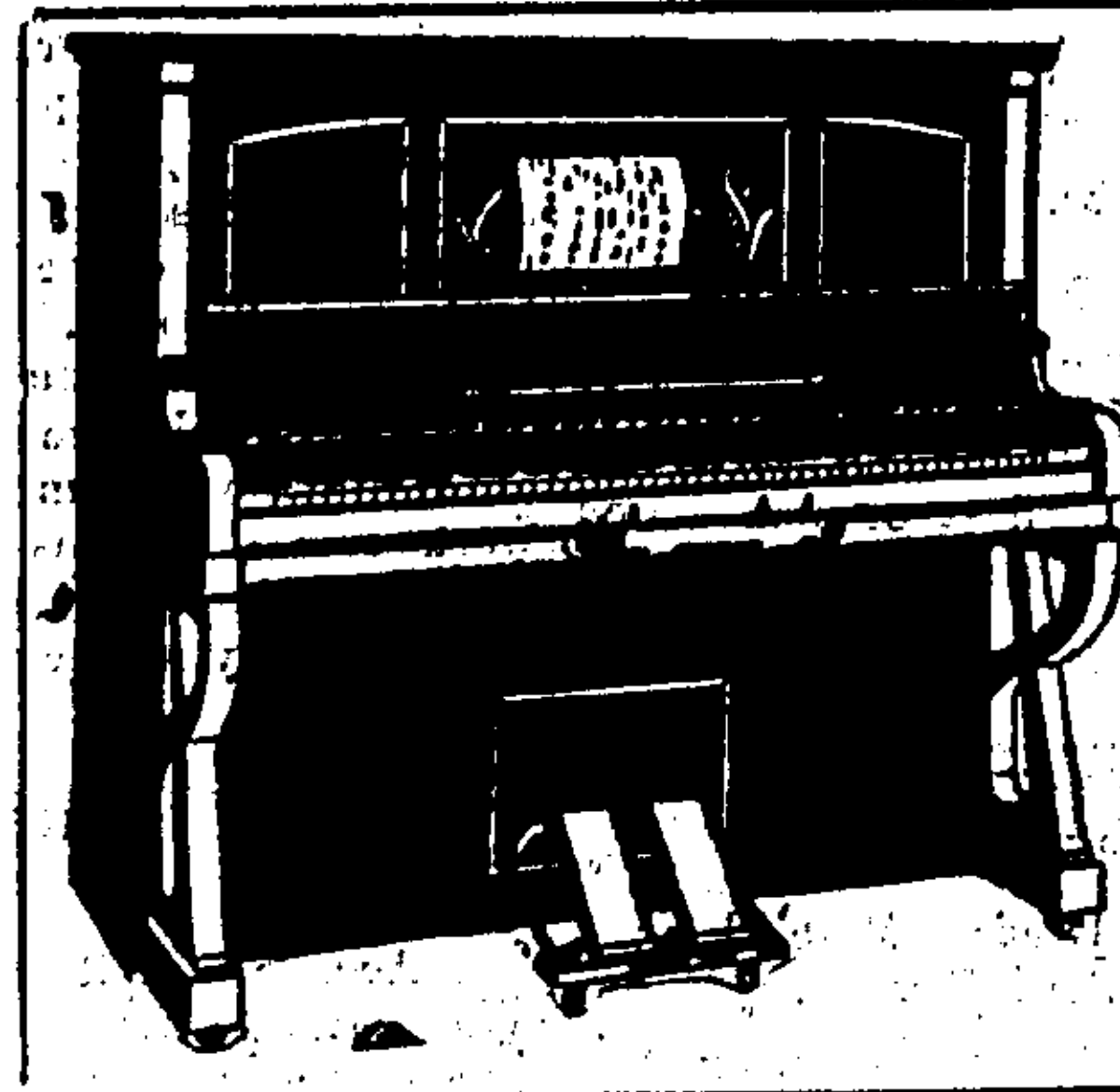
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Fish Cards in Germany.
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Dantzig shortly in order to stop
recent tumultuous scenes outside
the fish shops. Their use will
become general throughout Ger-
many.

Author of the Allies' Note.
London, January 16.—I learn
upon what should be an unimpeach-
able authority, writes the London
correspondent of the Liverpool
Post, that the Allied Note, the
tone of which has won such inter-
national admiration, alike for its
dignity, ability, and great literary
power, was written by Lord
Curzon of Kedleston.

The Kaiser's Love for Cathedrals.
Cardinal Hartmann, says the
Kölnische Volkszeitung, recently
gave the Kaiser a letter from the
Pope inviting Germany to protect
Reims Cathedral against the
weather and to repair the damage
done. In his reply the Kaiser spoke
of his "endeavour to preserve
from the terrors of war, venerable
places of religious worship and
monuments of art, which I con-
sider as the common property of
humanity."

Trouble Among the Lolos.
Chongtu, 25th February.—
Trouble has broken out among
the Lolos at Lingyuefu and
Opianing. The trouble among
the western side Lolos is due to
the execution of a chief producing
opium. The chief's wife attacked
the executioners in order to
avenge her husband's death. The
Government has sent a mission to
investigate the case. The Eastern
side Lolos have advanced seventy
li and captured Shapingting.

German Prisoner's Suicide
at Kobe.

Kobe, March 1.—Lieut.-Com-
mander von Zardern, a German
prisoner of war, committed suicide
at his quarters at Fukuoka this
morning, by hanging himself. It
is believed that this is the sequel
to a terrible tragedy committed
in a suburb of Fukuoka early in
the morning of February 25,
when his wife was murdered, of
which crime the courts prohibit
publication of details for the time
being.—N. O. Daily News.

Chinese Governor Convicted
of Corruption.

Peking, March 1.—Some time
ago Parliament impeached Chin
Yung, the ex-Governor of Shanxi.
The Government instituted an in-
vestigation which has substantiated
a number of the charges of
bribery and embezzlement, and
the Cabinet yesterday ordered the
Governor to be handed over to
the Commission for the Punish-
ment of High Officials. This is
the first case of an impeachment
brought up in Parliament proving
effective.

New South Wales Revenue.

The revenue of New South
Wales for January was \$1,511,796,
a decrease of \$43,110 from that
of the first month of 1916. This
was mainly caused by a compara-
tive drop of \$90,187 in the revenue
from stamps. Railway earnings,
on the other hand, showed a
comparative increase of \$27,218,
and tramway earnings increased
by \$9,036. For the seven months
of the financial year the revenue
was \$10,427,980, a comparative
increase of \$198,254.

A New Form of Hun Vengeance.

An infamous trick on a Belgian,
condemned on a charge of
espionage at Louvain is revealed.
The man asked to see a Belgian
priest for final confession. A
German official replied that all
priests were equal before God, and
that he might see a German priest.
The Belgian accepted under seal
of the confessional, and gave the
so-called priest's message to eight
friends, whom he desired to be
warned to be careful as the Ger-
man police were on their track.
The priest solemnly promised to
deliver the message, and keep the
secret inviolate. He gave
the condemned man his blessing.
Within twenty-four hours, the
eight men were arrested, tried,
and shot. The priest was a
German sergeant-major, disguis-
ed. His name is known to the
Belgians. He, too, is being execu-
tioned; demands his removal to the
eastern front.—Bathurst.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The late Mrs. R. C. Edwards, wife of the Nagasaki Agent of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, we regret to state, died at Nagasaki on March 1. The Nagasaki Press says: Mrs. Edwards took a great interest in all local happenings and was especially active in war relief work; the consignments of clothing, etc., sent home by the British Ladies' Patriotic League owed much to her untiring industry and generosity. Mrs. Edwards was an accomplished musician and was always ready to give the benefit of her talent in that direction to her friends and the community generally.

Demands for Economic Safeguards.

Toy-makers in Manchester in the one-time citadel of Free Trade—now, alas, fallen from its high estate and gone over to the enemy—and the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce alike have expressed a desire to be safeguarded from enemy competition after the war. Discrimination as between enemy countries our Dominions, Allies and neutrals of tariff adjustments are favoured by Glasgow. But Manchester has gone a step farther and decided to impose a graduated tariff. Such a step is enough to make Cobden turn in his grave. But it is a welcome sign, with that of Glasgow, of the awakening of the country to the need of following the only safe principle in trade. British industries were built behind safeguards. They will have to be rebuilt behind them.

Belgians' Daring Escape from Captivity.

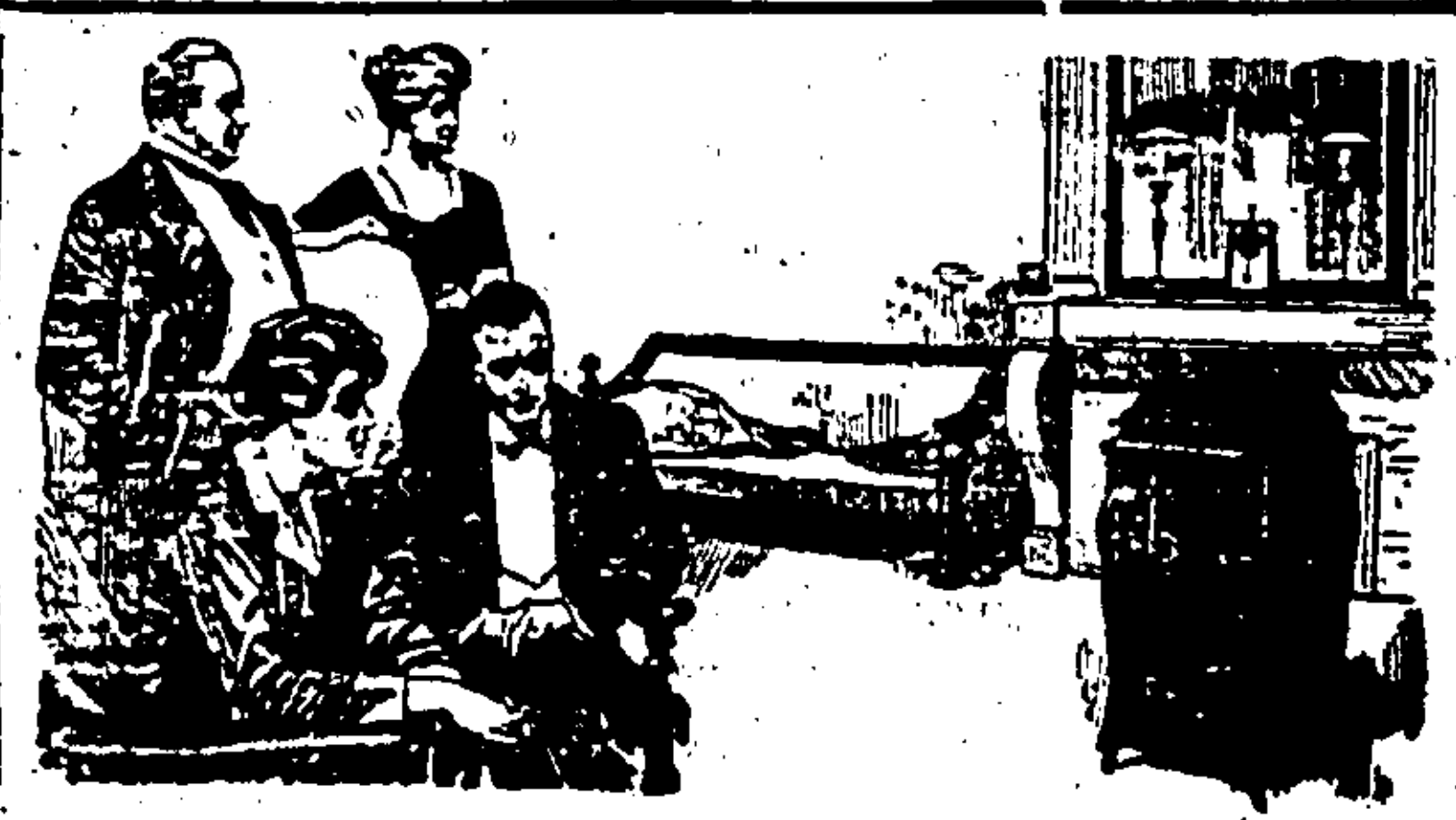
Another host of some hundred young Belgians of military age has arrived in Holland after a daring trip. In ones and twos they boarded a tug anchored near Liege, so as not to attract undue attention. Towards midnight the anchor was weighed, the tug drifted rapidly down-stream. At Vise, the boat was observed by German sentries, searchlights were directed on her and several shots fired. There was, however, no one on deck save the man at the helm, and he was well protected by iron plates. The passage under the new railway bridge was barred by beams, but the boat shot through them full speed ahead, the splinters flying in all directions. The voyagers quite thought they were going down. A German boat with a machine gun on board was run down, and a few minutes later, about 2 a.m., the 103 fugitives were landed at Eyden. They entered Maastricht singing the Marseillaise.

Germany's "Colonies." The Berlin monthly review *Nord und Sud* publishes a striking article in its February issue from Baron Albrecht von Bosenberg, a former Governor of German East Africa, on the subject of Germany's colonial war aims. He considers that Germany will need colonies after the war, and speculates as to where she can secure them. It would be unwise, he says, to seek colonies in China, for Japan would show her customary ingratitude to Germany, and raise difficulties, as she did at Kiaochow. In Australasia, where Australia is bound to become too strong and to menace Germany's colonies, the Fatherland must have a colony which she can defend in the next war. "If Belgium," says the writer, "as we hope and as the Belgians hope, is to be divided after the war between Germany and France, vast portions of the Belgian and French Congo will have to be included in Germany's colonial Empire, which we would then complete by the acquisition of British East Africa and Uganda, in exchange for Kiaochow, New Guinea, and the Australasian islands. Such an Empire could easily be defended from the sea, and it would have to be considered whether we could not exchange Togoland, which is isolated, for Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Germany would then have a colonial Empire worthy of her enterprising spirit, and it would yield us all the raw material we need."

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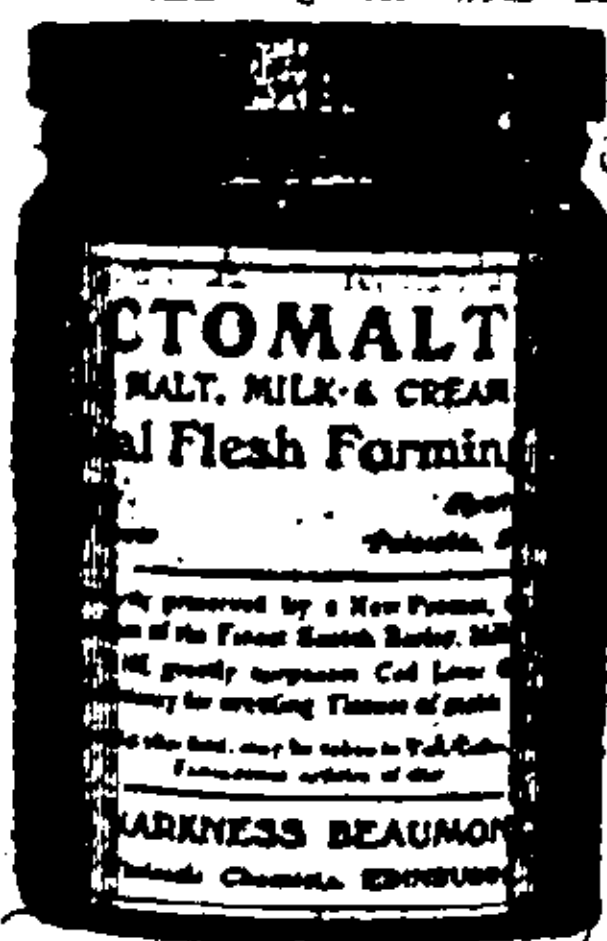
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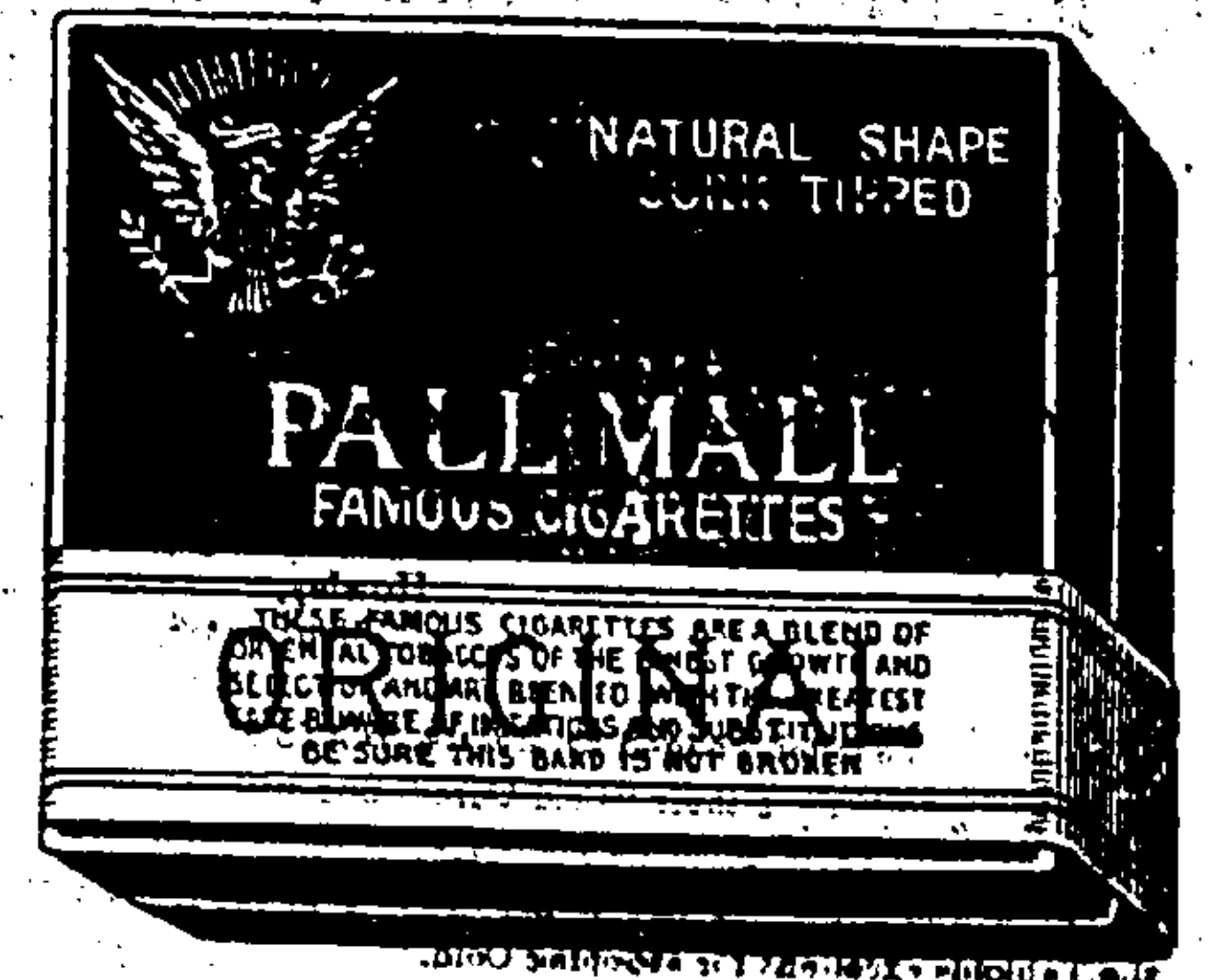
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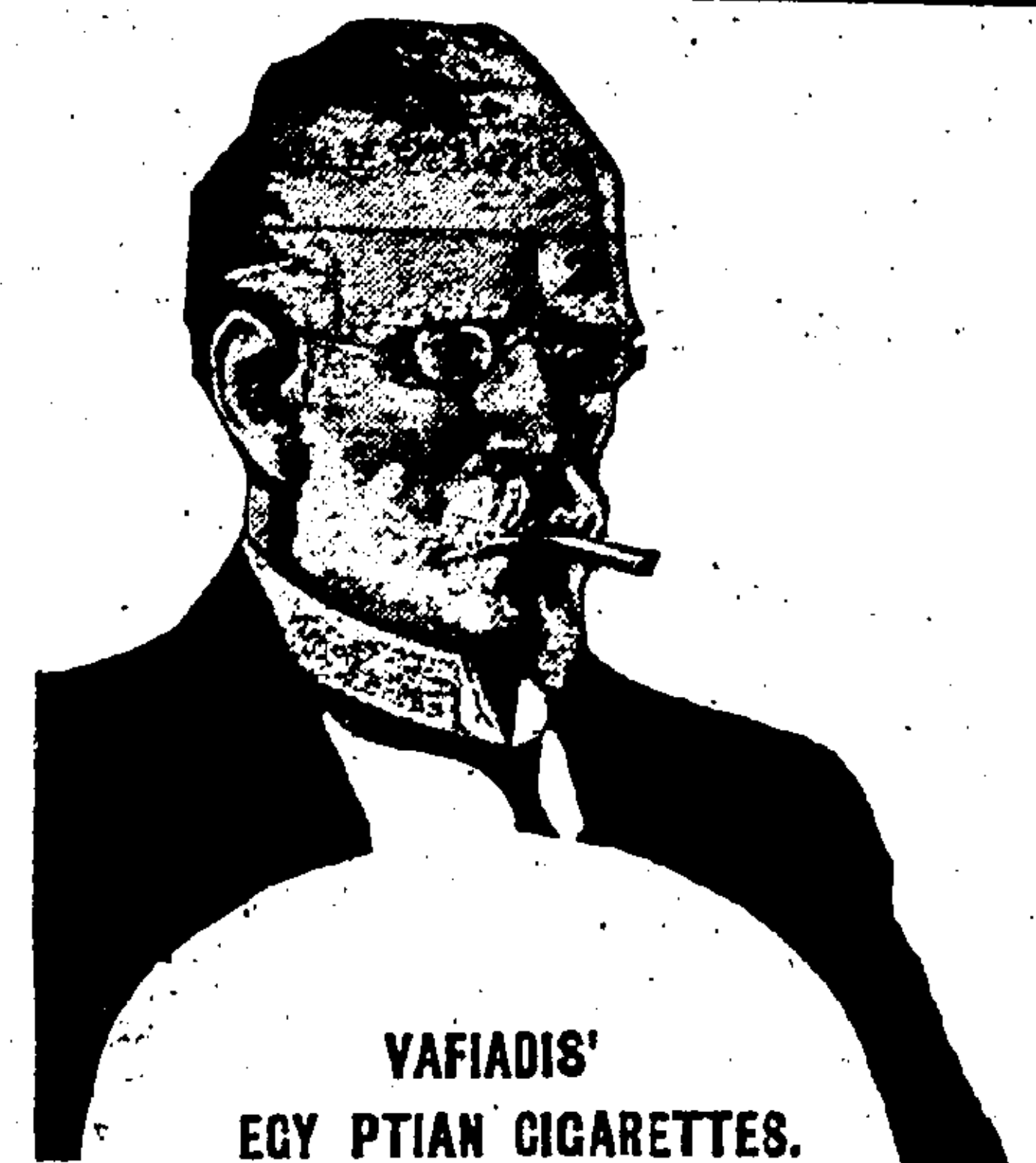
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BIRTH.

REYNOLDS.—On the 11th inst., at 1 Morrison Hill, the wife
of C. M. W. Reynolds of a daughter (nee Miss J. F. Cooke).

MARRIAGE.

BREWITT-TAYLOR—ELLIS.—Jan. 27, at Hampstead, Ray-
mond Brewitt-Taylor, M. B., younger son of C. H. Brewitt-Taylor,
of China, to Evelyn, youngest daughter of Henry Ellis, of Potter's
Bar.

DEATHS.

DAWSON.—Died on Saturday, 10th March, 1917, at Swatow
Hospital, China, John M. Dawson, aged 48 years. Late Chief
Engineer, S. S. "Kwongsang," Indo-China S. N. Co.

GOLDSMITH.—On 21st inst., Commander Cecil De La Mare
Goldsmit, R.N.R., British Vice-Consul at Madeira, late command-
ing F. and O. s.s. Simla.

MANGER.—Jan. 24, at Stockhill, Gillingham, Dorset, Alfred
Thomas Manger, formerly of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co.,
Hongkong, aged 68 years.

SUTCLIFFE.—Jan. 29, at Theale, near Reading, Edwin Sut-
cliffe, of Leek, Staffordshire, and late of Manila, aged 59 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917.

THE HOME RULE RED HERRING.

Universal sympathy will surely be felt with the British Prime
Minister over the awkward and ridiculous situation which has been
forced upon him by the thrusting forward, at such a time as the
present, of the everlasting Home Rule agitation. One would think
that if the men who are trying to get more important matters
brushed aside, while they wrangle about what does not concern the
Empire, were as loyal as they profess to be, they would be conscious
that one idea, and one only, should actuate the British Parliament
just now. We want to win the war, and by the shortest and most
expedient means; then how can time be found for haggling over
terms and comparative trifles connected with Irish politics? Of
course it is perfectly easy to understand that there is a certain sore-
ness in the Nationalist mind, for the carrot has been dangled too
tantalisingly long in front of Ireland's nose. But even the most
burning patriot among the Nationalists might surely try to realise
just now that his patriotism is due to the Empire itself and not
merely to a portion of it.

In adopting his present attitude, Mr. Lloyd George is playing
the Empire's game, and consequently he should have the fullest
support of his Parliamentary colleagues. He is not to blame be-
cause the administration that preceded his own made well nigh
every blunder that it was humanly possible to make, and incident-
ally did far more harm than good to the Irish cause. Nor is he to
blame because there happens to be a certain number of pukka Irish-
men in Ulster and a certain number of Orangemen in the three
Nationalist Provinces. To disentangle the knots presented by this
last-named position is a task for peace time; not for to-day; and one
cannot spare common patience for those who experience any diffi-
culty in accepting so obvious a fact. Of course there is a good deal
of the old story in the situation: the agitators must say their say,
even though the heavens fall. Without them Ireland would be
perfectly peaceful. What does the average Irishman care, as to
whether the seat of his Government is at Westminster or in Dublin?
It is true that, from the time of Henry II. down to a period within
the recollection of many persons living to-day, Ireland was never free
from one form or another of oppression, and there are definite reasons
why an honest Englishman should be ashamed to look an Irishman
in the face. But what she clamoured for most—freedom to worship
as she had worshipped from the fourth century—has been accorded
her; other disabilities have also been removed, and she has the
definite promise of the Imperial Government that her final wish,
Home Rule, will be granted. Then why not let it stay at that?

Agitation such as that recently carried on by the illustrious Mr.
Ginnell, should have been nipped in the bud, and would have been,
had we possessed a sane Government at the time. But probably that
agitation would never have arisen had a little common sense been
exercised in the handling of the Irish question. Ireland under-
stands a definite Yes or No, but the pitiable vacillation of the late
Government merely served to irritate her to boiling point. As with
Tariff Reform so with Home Rule: it was idle for opponents to get
heated over it, for the very simple reason that the measure proposed
had never been tried, and so no living soul could tell how
it would work in practice. We do know that the present arrange-
ment has failed, just as we know that Free Trade has failed, for we
have seen the results thereof. Thirty years ago, if the British
Parliament had had sense even as a grain of mustard-seed, it would
have seen that, sooner or later, it would be bound at least to allow
Ireland to try the experiment of Home Rule; and it might just as
well have given way then. Taking into consideration the Hibernian
temperament, it is more than likely that a year or two of self-
government would be sufficient to persuade it that even the trying
pan might be preferred before the fire, under certain circumstances.
But with that point Britain is not concerned at the moment. Let
us get on with the war—in which, by the way, thousands of honest
Irish volunteers are bearing and have borne so magnificent a part.

Waking Up.

Hongkong certainly did great
credit to itself on Saturday in the
thoroughness and heartiness of
public recognition of the young
men who are about to leave the
Colony for service at the Front.
From beginning to end, the
arrangements were all that could
be desired, and a happier means of
showing the volunteers that they
have the best wishes of the com-
munity in their future ex-
periences could not have been con-
ceived than the scheme devised
whereby any and every body
could become a host to the depart-
ing men. Those who took the
matter in hand and who, with a
praiseworthy modesty, re-
mained very much in the back-
ground all through, deserve the
thanks of the whole community
for their untiring labours. But
their best reward is the know-
ledge that their energies repre-
sented the difference between
permitting our lads to sneak
quietly out of the Colony, on the
one hand, and letting them
know, on the other, that their
sacrifices are deeply appreciated.
If anything that we have been
able to say has been influential
in stirring up public opinion as
to the bare justice of giving
those volunteering a really good
send-off, then we can find joy in
the fact that the Colony's sense
of the fitness of things is not
utterly dead, but that, with the
expenditure of a little time and
labour, and, above all, a willing-
ness on the part of someone to take
the lead, it can do its part right
heartily and well. Hongkong has
certainly not seen anything like
Saturday's "free and easy" con-
cert for many a long year. And
the best feature of it all was that
the petty social distinctions, which
have been the bane of this
Colony in times past, were
utterly and absolutely forgotten
in a general desire to honour the
departing men and to engender
a feeling of all-round happiness
and joy. That desire was more
than attained.

Not Officialdom's Fault.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak uttered
a sound truth when, speaking at
the concert, he referred to the
general feeling, which we have
often reflected in this column,
that Saturday's events, or a
function similar thereto, should
have been celebrated fully
eighteen months ago. His
hearers evidently endorsed that
view, from the manner in which
they received his remark. But
why was the obvious not done?
Mr. Holyoak attributes the short-
coming partly to the circumstance
that "the officials responsible,
rightly or wrongly as the case
may be, thought it desirable that
no public reference what-
ever should be made to their
departure." We hardly think
that those factors explain the
dereliction of duty on the part
of the public. We have not always
seen eye to eye with the authorities
in their conception and institution
of certain war restrictions, though
we realise that many of these
measures are dictated from Home,
but that does not make us wish
to push on to the shoulders of
officialdom the faults of the
general community at large.
Though it is true that the
authorities did, and still do,
prohibit the mention in print
of the actual departure of men
for the Front (since that would
be to reveal facts concerning the
movements of troops), we have
no reason for supposing that any
objection would have been raised
to the holding of a function like
that of Saturday sometime before
the previous batches departed. The
blame, as we see it, lies with the
public as a whole, and not with
the authorities. It was the old,
old tale of anybody's business
being nobody's. No-one bothered
himself to take the lead, and in
consequence nothing was done.
But we can afford to forget the
past in our gratitude that the ice
has at length been broken. And
Saturday's happenings most de-
cidedly show that Hongkong
knows how to do the right thing
when once it displays the will to
do it. The war is gradually
having some effect on Hongkong.
Following Saturday's celebrations
comes to-night's meeting to con-
sider the observance of St.
George's Day. We appear to be
waking up at last.

DAY BY DAY.

MONEY TALKS, BUT NOT IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE MAN WHO HAS
WISDOM.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar
on demand to-day was
2s. 3.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary
of the death (in 1842) of Lieut.
General H. Shrapnel, the inventor
of the shell to which his name
has been given.

Alleged Robbery and Kidnaping.

Six men appeared before Mr.
C. D. Melbourne, at the Magistracy
this morning, charged with
armed robbery and kidnaping at
Lun Tau island. They were all
remanded until Monday next.

Dock Worker's Theft.

As a Chinese employee of the
Taikoo Dock was leaving the
works yesterday, he was found to
have concealed about him a
quantity of copper piping, valued
at about \$2. He was charged with
the theft, before Mr. J. B. Wood
at the Police Court this morning,
and was sentenced to six weeks
hard labour and four hours' stocks,
the stocks to be placed outside
the yard.

A Prohibition Withdrawn.

The Harbour Master of Canton
issues the following:—Referring
to Harbour Notification No. 4 of
1914, dated the 24th day of Sep-
tember, notice is hereby given
that the restriction against ocean
steamers entering the harbour
limits of Canton between sunset
and sunrise is withdrawn. The
special Regulations governing the
movements of guaranteed river
steamers, however, are not affect-
ed by this notification.

Window Smashing.

A Chinese, who had been stand-
ing outside a shop window at
West Point for some time yester-
day was seen to suddenly smash
the window with a stone. He
was arrested, and, before Mr. C.
D. Melbourne at the Police Court
this morning, he was fined \$1, or
three days' imprisonment, and
ordered to pay \$24 compensa-
tion to the shop-keeper, or
undergo a further term of one
month's imprisonment.

Stabbing Affray on Japanese Steamer.

A Japanese mess boy, on board
the Burma Maru, was charged
before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the
Police Court this morning, with
stabbing the ship's bo'sun with
a knife. It seems that the bo'sun
told the man to clean a lamp, and
the defendant said it was not
his duty to do so, whereupon
words took place, the defendant
eventually stabbing the bo'sun
twice in the left arm, once in the
back, and once in the right side,
this wound penetrating the lung.
The wounded man is still being
treated, and the case was, upon
the application of Inspector Gor-
don, adjourned for a week.

Unfit for Consumption.

A Chinese was charged before
Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police
Court this morning, with counter-
feiting the Government's
slaughterhouse "chop," and also
with possessing food not fit for
human consumption. The defend-
ant was arrested outside the
Western Market with some pigs
in his possession, which bore the
Government stamp, or one nearly
resembling it. The pigs were
found to be unfit for food. Dr.
Gibson, Government Veterinary
Surgeon, gave evidence, and for
possessing the pigs the defendant
was fined \$100 or three months'
hard labour. The charge of coun-
terfeiting the "chop" was
dismissed.

A Fireman's Theft.

Whilst some men were employ-
ed in painting the funnels of the
Empress of Russia yesterday,
a fireman of the ship was seen to
be leaving the wharf with a bucket.
This was searched by a watchman,
and although a pair of shoes were
found on the top, there was a
quantity of paint beneath the
board. It was stated, when the
man was charged before Mr. J. B.
Wood at the Police Court, that
he had made three voyages with
the boat. His Worship sentenced
the man to twenty-one days' hard
labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by corre-
spondents are not necessarily those
of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")
FOOTBALL REFEREES:
(To the Editor of the "Hongkong
Telegraph.")

Sir,—Your correspondent
"Spectator" is remarkably bold
and outspoken in his sweeping
criticism—or shall I say condem-
nation—of the local football
referees, but, in my opinion, sir,
he is altogether too modest and
unassuming. Surely any sports-
man making such lavish use of
another person's name should not
hesitate to sign his own. His
criticism would carry more
weight.

Now, sir, I am not out to defend
the particular official attacked,
who is no doubt well able
to defend himself, but I do
intend to take up the
gauntlet on my own behalf. When
"Spectator" boldly asserts that all
referees in the Colony are "unfair
and inefficient" I challenge him
to prove it.
I myself have been refereeing
matches in various parts of the
world for the last fourteen years,
giving, I venture to think, sir,
a fair amount of satisfaction to
sportsmen, and I challenge this
nameless scribe to prove his state-
ment by any test he cares to bring
forward.

Yours etc.,

M. GORDON-BANKS,
Staffordshire County and
B.N.F.A. Referee.
Hongkong, March 12, 1917.

Dear Sir,—I have read with
mingled amusement and con-
tempt "Spectator's" tirade against
Mr. Wright in particular and
referees in general. As a mem-
ber of this inefficient (?) body
may I ask this worthy
individual why he has not offered
his services as an instructor of
referees? "Are there not half a
dozen gentlemen etc.," he asks.
"No," I should reply, "there is
only one and his name is
"Spectator." Yet with his vast
knowledge of football he prefers
to hide his light under
a bushel and content him-
self with exhibiting his
sporting qualities by making an
anonymous attack on a gentleman
whose greatest crime was that he
possessed but one pair of eyes
and these were fixed in his head.
By the catalogue of Mr. Wright's
crimes "Spectator" has evidently
kept a careful compendium all the
season with the object of later
publishing them. I would com-
mend a motto for your careful
study "Spectator" and it is the
motto of the highest order of
chivalry: Our Sovereign can
bestow:—Honi Soit Qui Mal y
Pense." In your spare moments
ponder over it. Thanking you,
Mr. Editor, for your footnote.
Yours etc.,
ONE OF THE REFEREES.
Hongkong, March 10, 1917.

CHINA SUGARS.

Sir,—May I crave the favour of
a small space in your paper to
express a certain matter of great
interest to the public in general
and to investors and speculators
in particular?

For some time past in
certain quarters it has been
openly stated that the China
Sugar Refinery Company was
and is not, doing well, and
that the approaching dividend
would not exceed \$5 to \$6. To
see how wrong this statement is
one has only to observe in the
local papers the figures issued
by the Company, and I have
no hesitation in express-
ing the universal opinion that
the figures and the dividend
are so good as to surpass all ex-
pectations. The motive for this
false statement is obvious, and I
will leave it to the public to
judge. It will be a pity if the
General Managers of the Com-
pany fail to bring to task the
persons issuing such false state-
ments.

Yours etc.,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.
Hongkong, March 10, 1917.

A FLOWER SHOW COMPLAINT.

Sir,—The Committee of the
Hongkong Horticultural Society
states that it does not hold
itself responsible for loss or
damage to exhibits at the Flower
Show; but I think that, with the
assistance of the Head of the
Botanical Department, it might

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

Among the interesting events
of the past week is the fact that
the meeting of the Sanitary Board
fell upon the Chinese "Feast of
Excited Insects."

"Stealing News" says a morn-
ing contemporary's headline.—
Quite so, but we had agreed to
let the matter drop, on condition
that the offence was not repeated.

"Words Obscure Thoughts" is
the suggestive title of a leading
article in a contemporary.—It
may be so. They are certainly
very successful, in the hands of
some people, in obscuring any-
thing in the shape of sense or
meaning.

"In the House of Commons,
Mr. Macpherson announced the
appointment of a Commission to
examine the question of officers'
promotion, and to deal with
anomalies under the existing
system."—So there are anomalies,
after all.

An American paper says that
a U. S. General "enlisted as a
major in 1861."—Our main
reason for never having joined
the Hongkong Volunteers is that
insuperable objection was raised
to our enlisting as anything less
than a Lieutenant General.

"A certain distrust of President
Wilson seems to haunt the bellig-
erent mind." That is a position
which we absolutely fail to
understand.

Up to the moment of going to
press we have received no definite
confirmation of the rumour that
the *Telegraph* has been men-
tioned in the London
Gazette, on account of the many
valuable services which it has
gratuitously rendered to the
Hongkong Government.

We are informed that the bust
exhibited on the stage of the
Theatre Royal on Friday night
was merely intended to represent
the late Julius Caesar.

A recent wire states that "Dr.
von Bethmann Hollweg was
forced to rely upon Reuter for in-
formation."—That's the first and
only time we've ever experienced
any sentimentsavouring
sympathy with Bethmann. But
ye have heard how it was said
them of old time that a fellow-
feeling makes us wondrous kind.

Heard in the life of Prince's
Buildings.—Lady from the
Salvation Army:—"Salvation is
the boat that we all want to be
in."—Bluff Old Skipper (disgust-
edly):—"Well, I reckon when a
torpedo comes along, one boat's
pretty much the same as another."
—The Lady (stepping out of
lift):—"God bless you."—The
Skipper (anxious to do the polite
thing):—"Oh, don't mention it."

Reuter mentions that a Bill
providing for the admission of
women solicitors has passed its
second reading. *Himmel*. Couldn't
they do enough talking before?

effectively stop one cause of
wanton and needless damage to
plants.

On Saturday morning, the day
after the show, quite early, I sent
my men up to remove my plants
and they informed me that when
they got to the show grounds
they found there several
quite big Portuguese girls
who were picking flowers
off the pots, and that
one of them was actually picking
some of one of my pots when they
caught at them and drove them
off. I examined my flowers and
found that two pots had been
stripped of bloom and a large
branch snapped off another plant,
close to the main stem. It is
most annoying to have one's
plants destroyed in this manner,
for in pulling the flowers children
often loosen the roots and kill the
plants. If the watchman of the
Botanical Gardens were instruct-
ed to keep all children out of the
shed until all the pot plants had
been removed, this would not
happen. Enclosing my card.

Yours etc.,

EXHIBITOR.
Hongkong, March 12, 1917.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Mr. Balfour's principle laid
down on behalf of the Allies that
"nationality" must become the
basis of a durable peace is the
exact reverse of the principle of
the Holy Alliance formed after
the overthrow of Napoleon, says
the *Chronicle*. It is curious to ob-
serve that the very races for which
Mr. Balfour desires freedom were
among the races that Metter-
nich and his fellow-reactionaries
crushed a hundred years ago by
imposing upon them hated
"legitimate" monarchs. The
peace of the Holy Alliance failed
to endure because racial ambitions
were ignored. History has taught
the new Alliance that racialism
is the rock to build upon.

One of the most remarkable
subscriptions ever raised in Eng-
land was the one initiated by
Pitt in 1799, in which year
England rejected Napoleon's
proposals for peace. Pitt ap-
pealed to all who could afford it
to contribute voluntarily towards
the expenses of the war. It was a
splendid test of patriotism, and
and one that might with advan-
tage be tried again. Over
£2,000,000 was actually raised in
this way—a much more imposing
sum than it looks when one con-
siders that the population, largely
poverty-stricken, was then only
about one-fifth its present size.

The Bank of England does not
possess the imposing appearance
we might expect from a building
of such financial importance,
remarks the *Chronicle*, albeit it
was designed by a notable archi-
tect. This equat edifice was
mainly, as we see it now, the work
of Sir John Soane, who was
nothing if not "classical." The
north-east corner, recently repair-
ed, is an adaptation of the Temple
of the Sibyl at Tivoli, while the
chief cashier's office
was imitated from another Roman
temple. The arch leading into
Bullion Yard is copied from the
Arch of Constantine, and the
design for the Console office was
suggested by some Roman baths.
The "garden" court, planted with
shrubs and adorned by a fountain,
is the old churchyard of St.
Christopher-le-Stocks, which gave
a strange title to the neighbour-
ing Stock Exchange.

A representation of the House
of Commons which is to form
part of the design of the new
Treasury notes has previously
figured on official documents, for
the reverse of the Great Seal of
the Commonwealth showed the
House in full session and violent
perspective. The Great Seal of
Charles I. had been carried off
to York by the Lord Chancellor
when it was resolved that "the
Commonwealth hath suffered
many grievous mischiefs
and that a great Seal of England
shall forthwith be made." But it
was easier said than done, for the
penalty for making it was death.

One of Chauncey Depow's best
stories is the story of the spotted
dog, which, as a boy, he bought
from a local dog-dealer. "The
next morning it was raining," he
says, "and I took the dog out into
the woods, but the rain was too
much for him. It washed the spots
off. I trotted the dog back to the
dealer. "'Look at this animal,'
I said, 'The spots have all washed
off.' 'Great guns, boy!' he re-
plied, 'there was an umbrella
went with that dog. Didn't you
get the umbrella?'"

"Good digestion; determina-
tion; learn to be friendly; don't
worry or brood over details; go
to bed and get up early." This
(according to Mr. G. A. Leask's
little character study of the
Chief of Staff) is Sir William
Robertson's "secret of success,"
in his own words. It is as good
as most of the recipes for a new
way of life, to which the New
Year usually gives a vogue.

The Shipbuilding Fever in Norway.

The Fredrikstad Mekaniske
Verksted, Fredrikstad, ship-
builders, which offered 2½ million
kroner new capital for public
subscription, has had the same
considerably over-subscribed,
and the capital will, therefore,
now be increased to five million
kroner.

WOMAN'S FUTURE.

Is She to Go Back to Her Pits and Pans?

Mrs. Lewis Donaldson, of Leicester, presided at the eleventh annual conference of the Women's Labour League in Caxton Hall, Salford. In her address as president, she said that had women had their share in the management of affairs in our own and other countries such a mess as the world-war could not have come about.

In regard to women's employment after the war she asked, "Is the woman going back like Joan of Arc to her plough and rough manual work after delivering her country, and, laying down her armour, is she going to leave the arena of commerce, to lay down her uniform as tram conductor, postman, and the rest, and go back to her pots and kettles, to unpaid, and, what is worse, unconsidered labour, or to the lower alleys of factory work? If she stays on, on what terms is she to stay? The question arises, have these women learnt enough of brotherhood to combine to refuse to undercut each other, or to injure the returning men by undercutting them?"

Miss Mary Macarthur, offering greetings from women trade unionists, said a revolution had taken place in the necessity for women's organisation. "We read rosy articles in the newspapers," she said, "about the wages received by women munition workers. I regret, however, to have to say that there are still thousands of women bound to their employers who are receiving wages which, if translated into the present value of money, are less than the money paid to the famous white slaves of Cradley Heath. The future is great with promise for women workers."

"Women are going to come out of this inferno with broken hearts and bleeding feet, but they are coming out of it with a strange, new, and terrible wisdom. Not only are women changed, but men's conception of women has changed. Women were formerly only the mothers of men; now they have risen to the dizzy height of making machine-guns. Votes were denied to them others of men. I think they will be given to the makers of infernal machine-guns."

Mrs. Philip Snowden, conveying greetings from the Women's International Council of Socialists, said it was a great gratification to know that Socialist women in belligerent and neutral countries had not lost sight of one another in spite of all difficulties. It was splendid to have read the wonderful appeal for righteousness and justice made by their German women comrades.

A breezy discussion took place on the resolution protesting against the high price of food, declaring that considerable scarcity has arisen for many people, urging Government control and equitable distribution, the difference between the price and total cost to be borne as war expenditure, and declaring against skilled men being taken from the land.

"I don't know," said Mrs. Clark, of Barking, "whether there's any scarcity of food, but if you go up to the West End of London there is plenty. The rich get pretty well all they want; the poor have to do the usual thing—get what they can. We women ought to make ourselves a little more lively. (Laughter and cheers.) We are absolutely put on every time, and are gulled by the newspapers." (Hear, hear.)

"It is not only sugar; they are now holding up cheese to get a big price," said a Swansea speaker.

"We are now told," said Mrs. Gosling (Kennington), "that we cannot get meat without meat, or potatoes without greens." Other remarks of delegates were: "The only thing for women to do is to stop the war." "People with money can get lumps of sugar; adults should go without and children have sugar; there is shortage of sugar, but it is not fairly distributed."

The conference declared in favour of adult suffrage, also that work or maintenance at fair rates

WAR COMFORTS.

Work of the Union Church Party.

The ladies Working Party at Union Church has this week dispatched three cases to the Surgical Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild containing the following articles:—197 pairs of socks, 55 pairs of surgical stockings, 80 shirts, 30 pyjama suits, 50 vests, 5 bed jackets, 12 hospital caps, 34 surgical caps, 78 milk covers, 183 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs of mittens, 10 messengers, 2 obolus belts, 132 towels, 680 rolled bandages, 50 stump bandages, 31 many-tailed bandages, 78 eye bandages, 24 shrouds, 9 hold-all bags, 1 linen bag, 18 floor swabs, 1 pair of linen sheets, 3 tray cloths, 3 rugs, 1 crocheted rug made by the Junior Working Party.

To the men of the K.S.L.I. have been sent:—150 pairs of socks and 100 shirts.

Acknowledgments.

The following letters have been received:—

The Central Depot Surgical Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

2 Cavendish Square, W. Jan. 17th 1917.

Dear Mrs. Hickling,—In reply to your letter of Oct. 21st I wish to offer you on behalf of this Depot my most cordial thanks for your excellent contribution. We are most grateful to see that you have sent us garments and winter comforts as these are the things we were most in need of when your welcome gift arrived. Wishing you every success in 1917.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) MYRA M. GIBSON,
General Manager for
Prs. Henry of Battenberg
President and Head of Depot.

21st General Hospital
Alexandria.

Dear Mrs. Hickling,—I am glad to be able to tell you of the safe arrival in perfect condition of the case of goods. Your letter arrived a week before.

Please convey to the Ladies Working Party of Union Church my most grateful thanks for their splendid gift. The things really are beautiful and most useful. I carried away an armful of the bandages on the spot to my old surgical ward. Before the war this hospital was the barracks for the Egyptian Army. It is a huge rambling place—we have over 1000 beds—well adapted for hospital purposes and ideally situated facing the sea. I am at present well qualified to know how large it is and what a lot of ground it covers as I am Night Superintendent. From time to time we have convoys from Mesopotamia and Salonika and we have many local cases of sickness and patients requiring surgical treatment.

There is a great deal of joy in the work but the amount of suffering is terrible.

On behalf of the Matron and the Authorities I thank you all for your most welcome gift.

Believe me,
Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) MARY ASHWORTH.

Metal Market.

Concerning the state of the metal market since last week, Mr. P. K. Kwok, manager of Messrs. Singon and Co., supplies us with the following:—Metal market is featureless but steady. Steel ship plates are in great demand, both for local shipbuilders and Japanese buyers. Thin iron sheets are a very small stock at present in the Colony, with good enquiry from Japanese market. Tin-plates seem quiet but firm at unchanged prices. The market is most likely to rule higher.

should be provided for all women displaced from employment to make way for men returning. The repeal of the Military Service Act was also called for. A resolution of sympathy with the sufferers from Friday's explosion, and another welcoming President Wilson's peace Note, were unanimously carried.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve), state:—

Company Parades.
Tuesday, March 13.—No. 2 Company.

Thursday, March 15.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies and Ambulance Platoon.

Friday, March 16.—No. 1 Company.

Uniform, caps with covers, but no rifles. Armlets and Standing Order Books will be examined on these parades.

Exemption to be granted by undersigned only.

Band Practice.

Members of the band will attend practice on Wednesday, March 14, as previously ordered. The practice was cancelled in error.

Mounted Police.

The presentation of the following ponies to this detachment is gratefully acknowledged:—

Sir Paul Chester, C.M.G., Two griffins.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Derby Chief, Dormouse, Teddy, and dun griffins.

Dr. Jordan, Supt. of Police (B), Jadestone and Moonstone.

Mr. N. J. Stubb, Brown Sugar.

Mr. H. E. Morris, Lonsfield.

Mr. H. M. H. Nemazea, Shabab.

Mr. E. J. Ezra, Victory.

Mr. Asp, Old King Cole.

Cadzw's Star, and Money Box.

Police School.

Wednesday, March 14.—All Chief Inspectors, Staff Inspectors, Arculli and Potter, All Inspectors, and Staff Sergeants Fisher and Baleson.

Friday, March 16.—All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Ambulance Platoon.

Orchestra.

Practice.—Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m.

Joined.

No. 2 Company.—P.O.s 471 W. Goimaraes, 473 L. G. Lima, 475 O. Silva.

Service Rifles.

All Service rifles not yet returned to Armoury will be returned on Friday, March 16, between 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. All examples, medical and otherwise, are subject to this order.

Musketry Course.

All men who are qualified to fire, but have not yet fired Part II of the 1917 Course will attend the range on Sunday next, March 18, leaving Blake Pier at 9 a.m., returning at about noon.

Lists of these men are being sent to Company Commanders.

The following will attend for range duties:—Staff Inspector Potter, Inspectors C. Alves and Wei, C. S. Major Figueireda, Crown Sergeants Bastace and Fothergill, and Sergeant Butterfield.

The above date is the last fixture for firing the 1917 Course.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong 16th March 1917.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 20th March, 1917, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1918.

Sealed Tenders will also be received for Coal (Akaiko and Yubari).

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G. A. DREAPEE,
Deputy Surgeon-General.
R. N. Hospital, Hongkong.
Hongkong 12th March, 1917.

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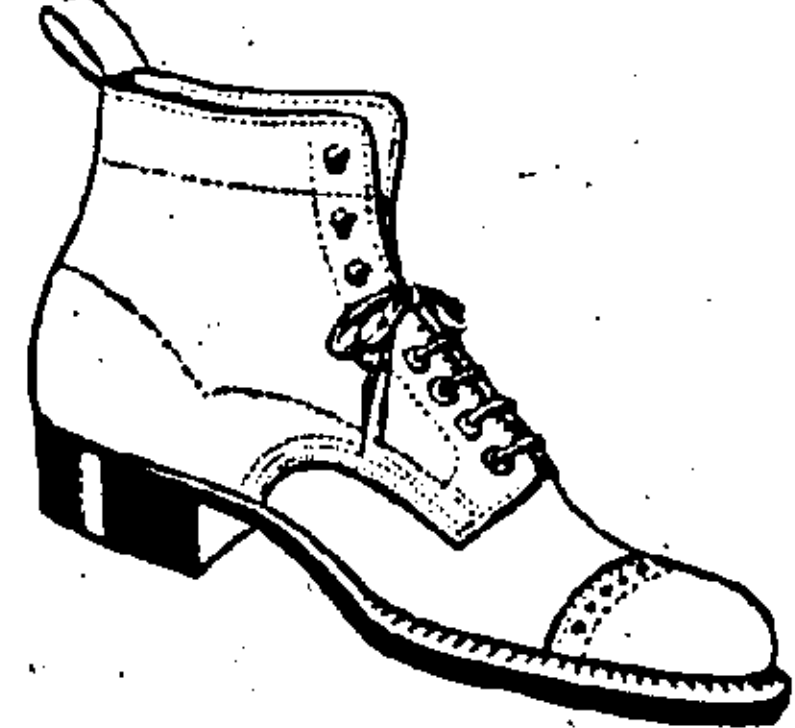
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Capt. Irizawa		
Hirano Maru	T. 16,000	FRI. 16th Mar. at 11 a.m.
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Siberia Maru	18,000 - 18 knots	12th May.
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MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	14th Mar. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	15th Mar. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Anhui	18th Mar. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	20th Mar. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tean	21st Mar. at noon.

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Tjitaroom		15th Mar.	22nd Mar.	SHANGHAI
Tjipanas		23rd Mar.		
Tjiliwong		22nd Mar.	28th Mar.	KOBE

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Steamships.	Captain	Leaving.
Hailong...	J. W. Evans	TUES. 13th March, at 11 a.m.
Haitan...	A. E. Hodgins	THUR. 15th March, at 11 a.m.

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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Choysang	Wed., 14th Mar. at d'light.
SHANGHAI & Moji	Suisang	Wed., 14th Mar. at d'light.
HAIPHONG	Loksang	Thur., 15th Mar. at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN	Chipsang	Fri., 16th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 17th Mar. at 3 p.m.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

The Shipbuilding Situation. Says the "Journal of Commerce"—A little cloud of misconception has come over the shipbuilding situation. It may be that the arrangements which have been put in force will work out quite well, but those who are in the closest touch with the position view the appointment of a Director of Shipyard 1 about with some distrust. The old plan, by which the supreme control of shipping and shipbuilding affairs was left in the hands of the Controller and the strong Shipbuilders Committee, over which Mr. George Carter presides was accepted as an ideal plan for getting done the things which will count—the scientific use of existing resources and new acceleration of new construction. It seemed that this absolutely self-contained Department was to be left to get on with the job without any reference to other authorities. Perhaps it was found to be necessary to place the labour question in a different category, and leave Sir Joseph Macleay and his Committee to wrestle with the technical aspects of the management of ships and the shipbuilding programme. Certainly on no other ground than urgent and revealed necessity was it a good move to place the provision of labour in separate hands. Mr. Lynden Macswey's qualifications for the task will not be imagined without good cause, and everybody will wish that his efforts to secure, organise, and use to the best advantage on a uniform national policy all available labour required for the construction of war vessels and merchant ships will be successful. At the same time the Government must not be surprised if the arrangement by which shipbuilders are to call on the new Director of Shipyard Labour for workmen, and this director is in turn to present his demands to the Director of National Service, looks a little cumbersome at a time when the urgent need is to set things done quickly. If the multiplication of officials and department's result in delay in providing the shipyards with the necessary labour there will be a good deal of very plain speaking. That the working of the new system will be closely watched by critical eyes is certain, and perhaps the knowledge that a failure in dealing promptly with shipyard labour requirements would be a national disaster will provide the necessary incentive to avoid even the appearance of the dilatoriness which is invariably associated with divided control.

Portable Motors. A particular branch of the marine motor industry which has met with no small success during the past few years is the manufacture of the low-powered portable set for propulsion of small craft, such as merchant ships' dinghies, gigs, &c. One of the first motors of this type to make its appearance in this country was the Evinrude, which hails from the United States. It was six or so years ago we were first introduced to the detachable set, and since then the manufacture of these handy little machines has been taken up very seriously by quite a number of firms, mostly American concerns. It is true that there are firms in Britain who now specialise in the building of portable motors, but very few, and that there lies ahead a very big field for this particular installation is a fact that should be appreciated by the British manufacturer a deal more than it is. As an idea of the popularity of the detachable motor, it may be said that the Evinrude sets have for some time back been employed by 22 Governments, including the British. The early motors under this heading were light, low-powered models of 1½ to 2 h.p., and were fitted with dry battery ignition, and intended only for the very smallest of rowing boats. Considerable development has, however, taken place, and the modern machine, which, by the way, has proved itself able to stand up to hard, continuous service, is turned out in single and double cylinder models fitted with magneto ignition, and in powers up to 5 and 6 h.p. Almost all of these motors work on the two-cycle principle, and are of extremely simple design, there being nothing to get out of order and cause trouble. The detachable motor can be fixed in a couple of minutes' time to the stern of any ship's lifeboat or dinghy, or any service boat of the pulling class, and will immediately convert the craft into a motor boat, having a speed up to 5 or 6 miles per hour. There are many captains of merchant vessels, it should be said, now using the detachable motor, and it is of considerable service.

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MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1917.

10.00 p.m. Heungshan. | 5.00 p.m. Kinshan.

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH, 1917.

8.00 a.m. Kinshan. | 8.00 a.m. Honam.
10.00 p.m. Honam. | 5.00 p.m. Heungshan.

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ARRIVED.

Sushu, M. Jap. s.s. 1,096, K. Kurimura,
10th Mar.—Swatow, 9th Mar. Gen.
—O.S.K.Haihong, Br. s.s. 1,170, J. W. Evans, 11th
Mar.—Fuchow via Amoy and
Swatow 8th, 9th, 10th Mar. Gen.—
D.H. & Co.Kok Sang, Br. s.s. 997, D. W. Ritchie, 11th
Mar.—Haiphong and Haihow 10th
Mar. Gen.—J. M. & Co.Annam M. Jap. s.s. 1,155, A. Kobayashi,
11th Mar.—Moji, 5th Mar. Gen.—
O.S.K.Hongkong, Fr. s.s. 733, A. Marguerite,
11th Mar.—Haiphong and Haihow,
10th Mar. Gen.—A. L. Marty.Fuchow, Br. s.s. 1,125, Davies, 11th
Mar.—Manila, 8th Mar. Gen.—B. & S.Huroto, Br. s.s. 1,247, Smith, 12th Mar.
—Seigon, 7th Mar. Rice & Gen.—
Chinese.Kuiyang, Br. s.s. 1,229, J. Pascock, 12th
Mar.—Cheloo and Weihaiwei, 8th
Mar. Gen.—B. & S.Bulgarian "Kultur."
An exhibition of Bulgarian art,
the first of a series throughout
Germany, has taken place in
Berlin, the aim being "to create
new bonds between German and
Bulgarian Kultur."

TIDE TABLE.

From 12th Mar. to 18th Mar.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 12	11.15	4.15
Tue. 13	11.30	4.00
Wed. 14	11.45	3.45
Thu. 15	12.00	3.30
Fri. 16	12.15	3.15
Sat. 17	12.30	3.00
Sun. 18	12.45	2.45

m morning. a afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 11.40—No return from
Japanese stations. Pressure is highest
over Mongolia. It has increased con-
siderably over N.E. China and decreased
slightly over S. China. It is nearly
stationary along the east coast of China
and over the Philippines.Moderate monsoon is indicated along
the east coast of China.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 1.89 inches,
against an average of 3.51 inches.FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

Hongkong to Gap Road... E. winds,
moderate;
cloudy.Fuchow Channel... N.E. winds,
moderate
to strong.South coast of China to... The same
trend H.K. and Loochoo... as No. 1.South coast of China to... The same
trend H.K. and Loochoo... as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 12, 1917.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date On date.

at p.m. at a.m. at p.m.

Barometer... 29.91 29.88 29.83

Temperature... 64 65 70

Humidity... 75 94 85

Wind Direction... E E E

Force... 4 3 4

Weather... 0 0 0

Amount open air Temperature on the 12th & 13th

Lowest... 0.00 0.00 0.00

H.K. Observatory, March 12, 1917.

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San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K. 26, Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Feudor	P. M. S. S. 26, Mar.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S. 28, Mar.
Victoria B.C. & Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K. 28, Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Siny M.	T. K. K. 2, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L. 13, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S. 16, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K. 16, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Korea M.	T. K. K. 28, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Siberia M.	T. K. K. 12, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Araka	J.C.J. L. 14, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Venezuela	P. M. S. S. 21, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Teayo M.	T. K. K. 23, May.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Asia	C. P. O. S. 6, June.

JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	13, Mar.
Shanghai	Chonan	B. & S.	13, Mar.
Shanghai via Swatow	Choyang	J. M. Co.	14, Mar.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	14, Mar.
Kobe and Moji	Suisang	J. M. Co.	14, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	15, Mar.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	15, Mar.
Haiphong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	15, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	15, Mar.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Mar.
Tientsin	Chipshing	J. M. Co.	16, Mar.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	17, Mar.
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	17, Mar.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	20, Mar.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	20, Mar.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	21, Mar.
Shanghai	Titaroom	J.C.J. L.	22, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano M.	N. Y. K.	23, Mar.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	24, Mar.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe & Yokkaichi	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	25, Mar.
Kobe	Tjiliwong	J.C.J. L.	28, Mar.

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hama on the 5th inst., one day ahead of
schedule time and left for Hongkong via
Kobe, Shanghai and Manila on the 6th
inst.The s.s. CHINA arrived at San Fran-
cisco on March 10, 1917, and will sail
from this port approximately on April 15,
pending scheduled call at Kobe and
Honolulu.

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From SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO
& JAPAN PORTS.

The above named Steamer hav-
ing arrived, Consignees of cargo
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their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.
Cargo remaining undelivered
on the 12th March, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then be
taken from the Company's
Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed
on all cargo remaining unde-
livered on 16th March, at 5 P.M.
No Fire Insurance whatever
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TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

The French Advance Described.

London, March 10.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing from Champagne on the 3rd inst., describes the recapture of the salient mentioned in a communique of the 8th inst.

He states that the German success on February 14th left them in possession of a long crest overlooking the French lines. This was strengthened by two powerful forts bristling with machine-guns.

When the French attack began the weather intervened most unexpectedly on behalf of the Boches. The heaviest snowstorm of the winter and a blizzard-like gale hampered the gunners. There was a foot of snow on the ground when the infantry emerged yesterday morning from the bottom of a ravine at the foot of the crest and started to cross the 300 yards of heavily trenched ground to the first German line. Here the occasional flash of a grenade showed that the bomb-throwers were busy clearing out dug-outs, but the Germans surrendered readily and within half an hour. Frenchmen were visible on the top of the crest, having progressed 500 yards in the centre and 300 yards on the flanks, securing powerful works and a number of prisoners.

The French continued a further 300 yards when the roar of the reawakened artillery announced that a German counter-attack was developing. The enemy pushed through the barrage and engaged the French at close quarters, but were driven off after a desperate fight, principally with bombs.

Severe Fighting by the French.

London, March 10.
A French communique says that in Champagne there was night long fighting at some points between Mutte de Meunil and Maison de Champagne. The Germans made several attempts to recapture the trenches we took in the west of that sector, but after alternate advances and retirements we finally beat back the enemy, and made some progress. On the right of the sector our fire smashed up the German attacks, and we maintained all our positions.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans again attacked the trenches retaken by us north of Courrières Wood, but our immediate counter-attacks drove out the enemy from some of the portions of the trenches which he succeeded in entering.

We carried out several coups-de-main south of Avre notably at Armancourt where our detachments penetrated the third German trench.

British Capture a Village.

London, March 10.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We attacked and captured the village of Aves and neighbouring defences. Our advance extends over a front of three miles. We took a considerable number of prisoners. Over 100 have been already counted. We captured four trench mortars and fifteen machine guns. Our casualties were slight.

An aerial patrol yesterday was heavily engaged by a strong hostile formation.

Severe Artillery Duel.

London, March 11.
A French official message states that there was a severe artillery duel in Champagne, but no infantry action. There was intermittent cannonading elsewhere.

COUNT BERNSTORFF AT CHRISTANIA.

London, March 10.
Count Bernstorff has arrived at Christania.

MESOPOTAMIA SUCCESSES.

London, March 10.
An official message from Mesopotamia states:—Our gunboats and cavalry discovered on Wednesday that the enemy was holding a line on Dajil River in some strength. We engaged the enemy on Thursday.

The enemy's position at Ctesiphon had been most carefully prepared and it is clear that the enemy intended to hold it. The evacuation was probably due to our rapid advance from Afsis.

LLOYD GEORGE CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

London, March 10.
At the trial at the Old Bailey of the persons charged with conspiring against the life of Mr. Lloyd George, Mrs. Wheldon was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, Alfred Mason to seven years and Winnie Mason to five years. Harriet Wheldon was found not guilty.

AN ARMED MERCHANTMAN QUESTION.

Amsterdam, March 10.
The British armed merchantman Princess Melita arrived at the Hook of Holland for water, but was ordered to leave in half an hour. The ship put out and threw her armament overboard, after which she returned and obtained her supplies.

THE GREEK BLOCKADE.

Athens, March 10.
Mr. Lloyd George, replying to the protest of the Athenian bar against the blockade, says that the raising of the blockade depends on the fulfilment of the Allies' demands. It would have been raised already if the anti-Allied incidents had not occurred.

GERMANY AND SUBMARINES.

Amsterdam, March 11.
A Berlin message indicates that doubts as to the efficacy of submarine warfare were expressed by Herr Reisser, President of the Hansa League, who in a speech said that the object of the blockade was not to force Britain to her knees but to produce a desire for an understanding.

Count Reventlow attacked Reisser, declaring that Germany must dictate peace to Britain.

A "Vorwaerts" article states that Count Reventlow's aims mean a tremendous prolongation of the war and concludes by declaring that it is impossible to starve Britain.

German papers accuse the agrarians of Prussia of withholding supplies from the rest of the Empire.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT ILL.

London, March 11.
The Duchess of Connaught was attacked with influenza on 13th February, and measles developed on 20th February, accompanied by bronchial pneumonia. Her condition is disquieting.

SEVERE WEATHER AT HOME.

London, March 11.
Severe frost is general in Britain. There have been heavy snowfalls in many counties.

HONGKONG'S VOLUNTEER CONTINGENT.

SPLENDID PUBLIC FAREWELL GATHERINGS.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The events arranged for Saturday night in honour of the batch of volunteers which is shortly to leave for the Front were in every respect worthy of the Colony. To mark the public's appreciation of the loyalty of the contingent, a dinner was held at the Hongkong Hotel, and this was followed by a most delightful entertainment at the Theatre Royal. The functions were arranged by a group of enthusiastic residents, who do not desire that their names should be mentioned, as they were acting on behalf of the community as a whole, and the response on the part of the public was such that the departing men had the pleasure of knowing that on Saturday they were the guests of practically the whole Colony.

The Dinner.

The dinner at the Hongkong Hotel was a most happy affair, and at it a number of most appropriate speeches were delivered. The menu cards were of a military design, as also was the programme for the subsequent concert, these being effectively printed by the South China Morning Post Company, Ltd., to the design of Mr. H. W. Bird, architect. The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) presided at the dinner and he was supported by His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C., Mr. C. Montague Ede, Commander Backwith, R. N., Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Mr. H. Green, Commodore Sandeman, R. N., the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, the Hon. Mr. E. Pollock, K. C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. F. A. Loughlin, Colonel Currie, R. G. A., Dr. Moore, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., Mr. H. Percy Smith, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. R. M. Dyer, and Lieut. Higby, H. K. V. O.

The guests of honour were as follows:—

Allan, Dr. Dalmat May, G. T. Blacker, F. D. McLean, J. S. Brand, R. A. Minton, G. R. Brown, A. O. Mitchell, E. J. R. Brutton, G. E. Hall Moore, D. J. Chapman, A. F. Murphy, L. N. Cheesman, A. G. Mycock, C. Cocke, E. C. Furex, D. J. Croucher, N. V. A. Raiton, M. L. Cullen, F. Robinson, G. A. Cuthill, G. H. Robson, W. England, J. C. Ross, L. Farmer, W. R. Rosser, A. J. W. Frye, A. A. Sewell, G. W. Green, H. Smith, C. Crowther, Greenhill, L. E. Smith, W. H. Hegarty, H. G. Smith, F. R. Henderson, M. J. Stapleton, W. H. Hill, W. R. Summers, C. H. Hurle, B. R. Taylor, T. Jones, M. L. Wainman, C. L. Lendley, F. P. West, H. Macdonald, A. G. M. Whyte, L. M. Mason, C. Fairbrother, Young, A.

After the loyal toast had been enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman proposed "Our Guests." He wished the contingent hearty good wishes on their venture, saying it was setting out on a noble pilgrimage—to help in the final task of crushing for ever the most barbarous foe of freedom and of civilisation. He used the words "final task" advisedly, as the ultimate success of the Allies was now absolutely assured. (Cheers.) The tide had turned, the flowing tide was with them, and the Hongkong contingent would come in on the crest of the wave. (Cheers.) After referring to the representative character of the list of those volunteering, the speaker said if he were asked to suggest a watchword for their venture, he would say that it should be "Imperium et libertas"—for country and freedom. This was a war waged for freedom and to uphold the rights of small nations against Prussian tyranny and a Russian hypocrisy. (Cheers.) It was a battle for justice and right, which were bound to prevail. To fight with those ideas as an inspiration was a noble mission, and they might rest assured that posterity would owe a great debt of gratitude to the youth of Britain in these critical days. (Cheers.) Concluded.

ing, the Chairman said:—We shall watch your movements with the keenest interest. (Hear, hear.) That some of you will attain distinction in the field and come back with decorations to us we feel assured—(Cheers)—and on the consummation of your efforts we will welcome you back with such a Hongkong "tiger" as will "draw the last echo of the battlefield." (Cheers.)

The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm and the singing of "They are jolly good fellows." Mr. L. N. Murphy replied on behalf of the guests, and said he felt that those who were going had undertaken a great responsibility, and they would discharge it to the best of their ability. (Applause.) Those who were not able to go could rely upon them to endeavour to merit their confidence now that they had got what they wanted. (Applause.) He concluded by toasting "The Hosts," there being an enthusiastic response.

There were calls for a speech from Mr. Loughlin, who spoke of the efforts of Mr. Miskin and concluded by saying:—I am sorry I cannot go with you. I am told I am half-blind—(laughter)—but I am perfectly sure I could see enough to bag a Hun or two. (Laughter.) I hope the lot of you will do that. (Cheers.)

Lieut. Higby also briefly spoke, and the function concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The Entertainment.

The entertainment given at the Theatre Royal subsequent to the dinner was one of the happiest functions ever held in the Colony. It was marked by a fine spirit of comradeship among all present, and the evening's pleasure will long be remembered by all who attended. Those in whose honour it had been arranged must have been very gratified at the overflowing large attendance, inasmuch as all present, save the volunteers themselves, were hosts, and there was thus ample testimony of the widespread desire to give the men a right royal send-off. The Theatre had been specially adorned for the occasion, the flags of the Allied nations being liberally used in the scheme of decoration. A feature of the arrangements was that the whole of the accommodation downstairs was utilised by small tables being conveniently arranged, and at these there was a liberal supply of refreshments available. Smoking was permitted, and the whole atmosphere was one of enthusiasm and jollity. The entertainment itself was provided solely by members of the Bandman Company, and was of the variety type. It was immensely enjoyed, the audience often lustily joining in the various refrains, and success was very numerous. One or two of the numbers were of a type especially suitable to the occasion, and much fun was created by the introduction of the names of several members of the contingent into one of the topical contributions. The programme comprised solos, duets, trios, quartettes, songs with choruses, dancing, monologues and various humorous turns.

During an interval in the programme, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak came on to the stage and addressed those present.

He spoke of the honour it gave him to utter the last few words of public farewell to the men who were going to the front and said he could not help feeling—and he had no doubt that the bulk of his audience was with him—that that occasion ought to have been celebrated eighteen months ago. (Hear, hear.) Nevertheless, it had come at last, and they rejoiced that it had come, but it must not be forgotten that already from the Colony there had gone home close upon 300 men. (Cheers.)

Lost comparisons should be odious, and least exception should be taken to the fact that they were entertaining a contingent that night and did not entertain any previous contingent, let it be explained that that was entirely due to force of circumstances. In the first place, the other contingents went home largely in dribs and drabs and were entertained privately; and in the second place, the officials responsible—rightly or wrongly, as the case might be—thought it desirable that no public reference whatever should be made to their departure, and therefore there was no public demonstration such as this Colony would have deemed fitting in the circumstances. But they now wished to associate the names of those who had gone before with those of the forty-eight they were entertaining that evening. Without any false sentiment he could say to those who were leaving that there was not one in that gathering who did not envy them from the bottom of his heart. (Applause.) There were many who were detained here unavoidably, who had already cleared their names from any suspicion, and there were others whose health would not permit them to go; but the hearts of all were with those who were going to take a share in the greatest war that has ever been known in the world's history. The cause was a fight to show that Right must triumph over Might, that treaties could not be trampled upon, that small peoples could not be crushed and destroyed, and that everything associated with what had grown to be known as Prussian militarism must be utterly destroyed now and for ever for the future peace of the world. (Cheers.)

Further, they envied those who were leaving because they were going to participate in the closing scenes of this great drama. (Applause.) "I do not say," continued the speaker, "that the war is already won, but I do say that the beginning of the end is now in sight. (Applause) and I believe there are men among those going home with the contingent who may possibly have the honour of marching into Berlin. (Cheers.) I do not say they will have to fight their way there, for I believe the day is not far distant when the enemy will be glad to allow the Allies' Armies to march there unmolested. (Cheers.)

May that time be soon! The world is sick to death of this welter and waste of blood and human life, but we British people are more determined than ever each day that passes that we will not relinquish this struggle until it is made impossible for any such war to occur again. (Applause.) We owe it to the sacred dead, whose bones lie bleaching on the battle-fields of France and other parts of the far flung battle-line, to make sure that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. (Cheers.) Hongkong is testifying again to-night, that small as the Colony is, we are determined that that shall not be. In concluding, Mr. Holyoak said:—From the bottom of our hearts, with all sincerity and in very truth, we wish to assure you that, where you win honour—as we believe you will—and add lustre to your name—as we are certain you will—Hongkong will share in that honour and that lustre. (Applause.) And if you should fall or suffer, and lie wounded on a bed of pain, we wish you to remember in your hour of agony that Hongkong shares it with you. (Applause.) Hongkong is not given to displays of emotion; we are apt to hide our feelings deep within our hearts and expose only a surface expression to those who come and go; but beneath all this there is a depth and sincerity of feeling that occasionally breaks forth above the surface, and this meeting is an instance of this. In the annals of the Colony this night will long rank as one to be remembered. (Applause.) In the name of the Colony I wish you God-speed, good luck, and an revoir. (Cheers.)

At the close of the speech, the audience joined in singing "They are jolly good fellows." The programme ended, "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem were heartily sung, and the evening's pleasure concluded with loud and lusty cheers.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

The report of the Board of Directors of the above Bank for the past year is as follows:—

The net profits, after paying all charges, leave \$203,178.89 which, added to balance brought forward from 1915, \$11,140.91, amounts to \$214,319.80 for appropriation.

It is now proposed to deal with the net profits as follows:—

Fund	\$50,000.00
To transfer to Investment Reserve Fund	20,000.00
To write off Furniture, Fixtures & Vails	609.47
To write off Stationery	7,038.92
Account	7,000.00
To write off Organisation Account	20,750.00

After making these transfers, there remains for appropriation \$108,921.41, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. p.a. on the capital. This will absorb \$81,850.29, leaving a balance of \$27,071.12 to be carried to new Profit and Loss Account.

Shareholders will see with great pleasure that the present balance sheet shows a progressive advancement in business and a more substantial increase in profit when compared with that of last year, in spite of the colossal war raging in Europe and the frequent internal disturbances in China, which have strained finance and hampered commerce heavily.

A new branch was established in Shanghai last May. The expenses incurred in organising this branch were rather heavy; so it could hardly be expected to make a good profit, but the business is advancing.

Our Canton Branch was able to make a profit notwithstanding they had to close their office many times on account of the recent troubles in Canton. Taking this into consideration, I feel confident the present balance sheet will be received with great satisfaction.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Li Yuk Tong, Choy Hing, Lau Ting Sam and Lam Woo retire from the Board, but, being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.

Messrs. Wong Kwok Suen and Ng Tung Kai were our auditors for the past year; they now retire but offer themselves for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Selk & Fleming, who were also our auditors for the past year; they now retire but offer themselves for re-election.

LOOK POONG SHAN, Chairman.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

A 12 Per Cent. Dividend for Half Year.

The manager of the local branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram from the Head Office to the effect that at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders, held at the Head Office of this bank at Yokohama on the 10th instant, it was resolved to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended the December 31, 1916; to add to the reserve fund ¥500,000; and to carry forward the sum of ¥1,710,000 to the next term.

The Yaumati Collapse.

The case in which two men of Yaumati, one a contractor and the other a foreman, are charged with manslaughter, owing to the falling down of a wall by which a man was killed, was again before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning. Inspector Gerrard said that plans were being prepared by the Public Works Department and he would like a further remand. The case was, accordingly, remanded until Thursday, bail being fixed at \$1,000 each.

TOWKAY LOKE YEW. C.M.G.

Death of a Hongkong University Benefactor.

A telegram from Kuala Lumpur announces the death of Towkay Loke Yew, C.M.G., says the Singapore Free Press of February 23. The Towkay is believed to have been unwell some time ago, but no particulars are available of his last illness.

Towkay Loke Yew, merchant, miner and planter, chop "Tong Hing Loong," must have been easily the first individual merchant in the Malay Peninsula. He owned Hatchedon Estate, Kampong Jawa Estate, Bakit Kamuning Estate, Klang, and vast landed property all over the Peninsula, having for his land agent, Mr. J. H. M. Robson. There are branches of his business at Bentong, Singapore, Kuantan, and Belet, and mining interests everywhere, and he has the shrewdest Chinese for managers and agents. For six or seven years he was a partner with Chan Sow Lin in the General Farms, Penang and F. M. S. (opium and spirit) and made considerable money in this and mining returns at the same time.

The Singapore attorney for the deceased towkay received a wire on Saturday morning, stating that death had taken place that morning. We are informed that Mr. Loke Yew was between 72 and 73 years of age. He was thrice married; his first wife is supposed to be still alive in China; he later married a Straits lady, who died in Kuala Lumpur some three years or so ago; the third wife is still alive. By the first wife there was no issue, by the second, two sons and two daughters, the eldest son being aged between 21 and 22 years, and by the present wife, who is quite a young woman, a young son and daughter, in all, three sons and three daughters.

A characteristic of Loke Yew, shared with many of our self-made wealthy Chinese, was his generosity. No public work of utility, and few private charities, but found the Towkay's purse open, the spirit of the gift enhancing its munificence. The Tan Tock Seng hospital, a technical school in Kuala Lumpur, the Hongkong University, and Chinese institutions almost without number, received his benefactions. His services were also freely placed at the disposal of the Government, and he received his C.M.G. in recognition of them. He has several times been to England and was there at the King's Coronation.

The Colony's Health.

The small-pox outbreak may now be said to have become almost a thing of the past, for in this week's return of infectious diseases for the Colony only nine cases are reported, with five deaths. All the sufferers were Chinese. There was one fatal case of diphtheria, six non-fatal cases of enteric fever and one non-fatal case of puerperal fever.

Cricket Match.

A match was played between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Royal Engineers on the Civil Service ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by 35 runs. For the winners: Mr. Ponsbury-Fane carried his bat through the innings for 59 runs, the next highest score of the afternoon being 40, made by Corpl. Pearce of the Engineers. The winners scored 141 to their opponents' 106. The best bowling was performed by Sapper Townsend, who took four wickets for 27 runs.

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TELEGRAMS.

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DISSOLUTION OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Melbourne, March 9.
The dissolution of Parliament will take place on March 26. The election will be held on May 5.

HUNGRY GERMANY.

London, March 9.
In the Prussian Diet, the Food Commissioner declared that food difficulties were consequent on the cessation of work and the more dismal things in a certain western town were attributable to a wholesale falsification of breadboards resulting in the entire food reserves being used up.
He stated that without drastic measures it would be impossible to hold out.
It is believed the town referred to is Essen where a big hunger strike was reported recently.

A GERMAN CLAIM.

London, March 9.
A German official statement says:—During February we lost 24 aeroplanes. Our enemies lost 91.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

London, March 9.
A German official announcement states:—Between the Tretus and Uz valleys we stormed a high ridge at Magyars, and the adjacent Russian positions. We made 604 prisoners.

London, March 9.
A Russian official message states:—We threw back an enemy attack in the Mitau region.
The enemy captured three heights north-westward of Okna. Attacks westward thereof failed.
We destroyed fortifications at Mirzonilkeine, north-westward of Erzindjan.
Our scouts advanced 10½ miles south-west of Sakiz.

London, March 10.
A Russian official report states:—North-westward of Okna our troops are counter-attacking to regain the lost heights.

London, March 10.
A Russian official report states: We attacked the Turks westward of Nuchikhany, demolished works, took 53 prisoners and took possession of the town of Senne in the direction of Bidjar.
We submerged a large steamer in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus.

NEW JUDGE OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT.

London, March 11.
H.M. the King has approved of the appointment of Nawab Sayid Sir Shamsulbuda to be judge in the Calcutta High Court in succession to Digambar Chatterjee.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK.

London, March 9.
The War Office announces that the transport Mendi, with the final batch of South African native labourers, collided with another vessel in a thick fog off the Isle of Wight on 21st February. Twelve Europeans and 191 natives were saved and ten Europeans and 615 natives drowned.

COUNT ZEPPELIN AND THE KAISER.

London, March 9.
The Kaiser has telegraphed his condolence to Countess Zeppelin in extravagant terms; wherein he states:—"I feel the death of this excellent man most painfully. The whole of Germany unites with me in mourning one of the greatest sons of the Fatherland. His successes in the air have rendered his name immortal far beyond Germany. His memory will always remain sublime and dear to me. Wilhelm."

AMERICA AND ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

Washington, March 10.
President Wilson has convoked an extra session of Congress for 16th April to receive such communications as may be made by the executive.

It is understood that a number of American merchantmen sailing through submarine zones will immediately be armed by the Government. Their names will not be published.

President Wilson is convoking Congress to confirm his arming of merchantmen.

BELLIGERENTS AND THE FOOD SUPPLY.

Paris, March 9.
The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 236 votes to 1, following a three days' debate on food supplies, in which the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee emphasised the necessity for the Allies and neutrals economising in wheat or largely substituting other cereals.

The Chairman said that experts estimated France's wheat deficit during 1917 would be 130,000,000 bushels. The deficit in overseas supplies for France, the Allies and neutrals, it is estimated will be 200,000,000 bushels.

Petrograd, March 9.
At a conference the Premier, Ministers, Members of the Duma and Municipal officials discussed the urgent food problem.

Amsterdam, March 9.
The Maastricht newspaper "Lex Nouvelles" states that 300 Germans, including 100 deserters, crossed the frontier at Limbricht and demanded bread.

London, March 10.
A telegram from Petrograd states that the commander of the troops in a proclamation informed the inhabitants that the flour supplies are undiminished and there should be ample bread if the people will moderate their requirements. The proclamation is due to the unrest of the poor, especially women, who began to assemble demanding bread; but they were most orderly, and the use of troops was not necessary. The Duma has been lengthily debating the food crisis.

Petrograd, March 11.
The conference mentioned on 10th inst. entrusted to the municipality the management of food supplies.

Paris, March 11.
Minister Herriot, replying to the debate mentioned on 10th inst. defended the food restriction measures. He forecasted bread and milk tickets and declared that the economic factor would prove equally important with the military in deciding the war. Germany was starving and making a last effort to escape her inevitable doom.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th inst., both days inclusive.
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Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, AND REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916 and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1917.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 31st February, 1917.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March, both days inclusive.
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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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